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I received a call from OMB a short while ago. Danielle explained that CEQ may be sending an additional request or two today. Specifically, CEQ has reservations about the minimum age (should be 18 instead of 16) – but since we have specifically requested comment on that point, and given the political firestorm it caused for DOL several months ago, OMB supports where we are without further change. CEQ apparently also wants us to require employers provide worker oral notification of information on the SDS to workers instead of simply requiring a copy be made available (along with labeling). I let her know that while we are not going to be changing the proposal, we might be able to accommodate a request for comment. She agrees and is not seeking a change, but wants us to be on the lookout for a CEQ comment on this and minimum age later today. Meanwhile, we're all hard at work on editing the EA and working on conforming changes to the NPRM.

We have a meeting later today to finalize responses to the SBA comments we received from OMB yesterday and are otherwise looking to put a bow on things before the long weekend.

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I've touched base with Dom Mancini and Jim Laity on the status of the WPS proposal. The outlook is very good for OMB concluding review on time, which would be next Thurs. As Angela was hearing from Danielle, the only roadblock they see right now is getting time with the OIRA Administrator to get his sign off. They are working on getting that calendared. We'll continue to be responsive as issues are identified. Keep up the great work.

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